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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments filed November 7, 2005, with respect to the Final rejection(s) of claim(s) 8 – 14 under 35 USC 103 using Schneider reference have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of USP 6,12,520 issued to Want et al..
2. Claims 8 – 14 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8 – 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stefano Zatti "Naming in OSI" and in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,122,520 issued to Roy Want et al. (hereinafter "Want").

With respect to claim 8, Zatti teaches (Please read as each paragraph starts with line 1) a method of identifying and registering persons based on identification data, in particular for Internet applications (Page 259, column 2, paragraph 3, lines 17 – 19) comprising the processing steps of:

defining a URL/domain name system in accordance with a defined system of identification data stored in at least one database (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 2, lines 1 – 17 and page 260, column 1, paragraph 5, lines 1 – 6),

formulating URL/domain name notation rules in accordance with the defined system of identification data (Page 259, column 2, paragraph 2, lines 1 – 11 and page 261, column 1, paragraph 2, lines 1 - 19), and

designating codes and the associated URLs/domain names on the basis of the defined system of identification data and in accordance with the formulated URL/domain name notation rules (Page 259, column 2, paragraphs 2 and 3), and implementing at least a part of the URLs/domain names in the Internet (Page 259, column 2, paragraph 1, lines 2 – 12).

With respect to claim 8, Zatti teaches pre-existing as the DN for the country code, which is based on international standardized code from ISO 3166 (a directory). Zatti does not explicitly teach pre-existing identification data as claimed.

Want discloses to obtaining information relating to a specific location using a positioning system. **Information about various locations** is organized and stored on the distributed network 305 and is preferably organized as "web pages." The web pages or pointers to them are preferably stored on the predetermined node 300 of the distributed network 305. However, the web pages may also be stored at various other nodes on the distributed network 305 and may be associated with one or more coordinate entries corresponding to physical locations. **The web pages may have**, for

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example, **an already existing URL, e.g., a proprietary pre-existing URL** (see column 4, lines 24 – 39 and column 5, lines 47 – 51).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Want with Zatti for obtaining location specific information about a particular location using a distributed network in combination with the positioning system and to effectively obtain adequate information about their surroundings (see column 1, lines 9 – 12 and 35 – 36; Want).

As to claim 9, registering data of persons (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 3), creating a data carrier on the basis of the registered data (Page 261, column 1, paragraph 2), and linking the data carrier to a specific URL/domain name (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 3).

As to claim 10, making specific URLs/domain names accessible to the public (Page 258, column 2, paragraph 3, lines 1 – 3 and Figure 1).

As to claim 11, providing services by means of a data carrier (Page 260, column 1, paragraph 2, lines 5 – 10).

As to claim 12, incorporating registered data of persons in data files (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 3), incorporating the data files in a search system, and providing an interface with search options for generating results on request as a response to a query (Page 260, column 2, paragraph 6, lines 6 – 10).

As to claim 13, the method is applied within specific Top Level Domains and/or Sub Level Domains (Page 259, column 1, paragraphs 2 and 3 and Figure 3).

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With respect to claim 14, Zatti teaches defining a URL/domain name system in accordance with a system of the identification data stored in at least one database (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 2, lines 1 – 17 and page 260, column 1, paragraph 5, lines 1 – 6),

formulating URL/domain name notation rules in accordance with the defined system of identification data (Page 259, column 2, paragraph 2, lines 1 – 11 and page 261, column 1, paragraph 2, lines 1 - 19), and

designating codes and the associated URLs/domain names on the basis of the defined system of identification data and in accordance with the formulated URL/domain name notation rules (Page 259, column 2, paragraphs 2 and 3), and implementing at least a part of the URLs/domain names in the internet (Page 259, column 2, paragraph 1, lines 2 – 12), the assembly comprising a network of servers for designating and making available the URLs/domain names (Page 258, column 2, paragraph 3, lines 1 – 3 and Figure 1),

at least one database coupled to the network of servers and having registered data of persons of URLs/domain names (Page 259, column 1, paragraph 3 and Table 1), and hardware and software for inputting, localizing and presenting the registered data (Page 258, column 2, paragraph 3, lines 1 – 3 and Figure 1).

With respect to claim 14, Zatti teaches pre-existing as the DN for the country code, which is based on international standardized code from ISO 3166 (a directory). Zatti does not explicitly teach pre-existing identification data as claimed.

Want discloses to obtaining information relating to a specific location using a positioning system. **Information about various locations** is organized and stored on the distributed network 305 and is preferably organized as "web pages." The web pages or pointers to them are preferably stored on the predetermined node 300 of the distributed network 305. However, the web pages may also be stored at various other nodes on the distributed network 305 and may be associated with one or more coordinate entries corresponding to physical locations. **The web pages may have, for example, an already existing URL, e.g., a proprietary pre-existing URL** (see column 4, lines 24 – 39 and column 5, lines 47 – 51).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Want with Zatti for obtaining location specific information about a particular location using a distributed network in combination with the positioning system and to effectively obtain adequate information about their surroundings (see column 1, lines 9 – 12 and 35 – 36; Want).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

USP 6,167,449 issued to Arnold et al. discloses the network services ("services") that are typically available in most larger networks can be grouped into different types. One type of service is name identification, such as domain name registration and resolution used over the Internet. Domain name registration is used by providers of services, and, more generally, those wishing access to the Internet. The providers use the registration service to register themselves on the Internet by recording an alias and a corresponding unique network address in a service directory or database. Thereafter, the provider can be located by its alias using a domain name resolution service that accesses the service directory.

USP 6,564,216 issued to Waters discloses, in a typical network, a server directly communicates with the central database in order to obtain configuration information. A conventional Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)/Internet Protocol (IP) network including one or more Domain Name Service (DNS) servers, one or more Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) servers and a central database.


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Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid Al Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-4030. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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